



The Battlefield Dispatch

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Gears Up for Summer Programs

It is May and that time of year again. You know, when the park welcomes back seasonal employees and gears up for the summer season ahead! In addition to 2013 being the 150th anniversary of the Campaign for Chattanooga and the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears, visitors are invited to participate in regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer.

Chickamauga Battlefield

Visitors to Chickamauga Battlefield are encouraged to participate in daily car caravan-style tours at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. During the two-hour tour, visitors will follow a park ranger to various locations on the battlefield, learning about what occurred there in 1863. These tours begin inside the park visitor center.

On Fridays, park rangers dressed as Civil War soldiers will also provide living history programs at the Wilder Brigade Monument, Tour Stop #6, while on Sundays, these living history programs will take place at the visitor center. Programs are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Battlefield

If visitors find themselves atop Lookout Mountain, special ranger-guided programs highlighting the Battles for Chattanooga take place inside Point Park daily at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Park rangers providing these programs will meet visitors inside the Point Park gate, near the entrance fee station. This is a short, walking tour around Point Park with stops at various locations.

On Saturdays, park rangers dressed as Civil War soldiers will discuss the lives of the men engaged during the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Programs are scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 2:00 p.m.

Point Park is the only fee area within the national military park. A \$3.00/person entrance fee is charged for adults (ages 16 and older; ages 15 and under are free).

Robert Cravens' post-war house is also open for visitors on Saturdays and Sundays between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Meet a park ranger at Cravens House to learn more about how the famous "Battle Above the Clouds" unfolded around this home.

All Programs are subject to staff availability



Rangers at Cravens House will discuss what occurred there in 1863.

Special Summer Programs and Locations

Saturday, May 18 @ 9:30 a.m.

Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Tour
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Sunday, May 26*

Artillery Demonstrations
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Monday, May 27 @ 8:45 p.m.

Decoration Day Torchlight Tour
(Chattanooga National Cemetery)

Saturday, June 8*

Artillery Demonstrations
(Lookout Mountain - Point Park)

Saturday, June 8 @ 2:00 p.m.

2nd South Carolina String Band
(Lookout Mountain - Point Park)

Thursday, June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Moccasin Bend Bicycle Tour
(Moccasin Bend)

Saturday, June 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Tour
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Monday, June 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Captain Drane Crosses the Bend:
Cherokee Removal and Moccasin Bend
(Moccasin Bend)

Saturday, June 22 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Struggle for the Gateway Begins:
Tulahoma Campaign Bus Tour
(Pre-register through Friends of the Park)

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Superintendent's Sidebar

Discovering Historic Trails

It was a clear, but crisp winter day. The leaves were off the trees, providing more straight line views of Stinger's Ridge through the tree trunks from our perch on Lookout Mountain. We came into an open area along the Old Wauhatchie Pike, with a rock outcropping on our south and a full view of the Tennessee River and Moccasin Bend below. Park Historian, Jim Ogden paused and read an entry from a young soldier, relating his experience in trying to cross this exposed area with supplies while guns from the Union emplacements on Moccasin Bend gave a double-quick impetus for a hasty crossing.

"...I was scared to death nearly. Up was hundreds of feet perpendicular, down was the same and across the River I looked into the mouths of the guns. I looked every second to see the puff of smoke but they didn't shoot..." I could almost feel the young soldier's adrenaline as we too crossed the exposed area.

Old Wauhatchie Pike is just one example of the nearly 60 miles of trails available for exploration within Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. These trails encompass trade routes, water routes, historic road traces, Civil War rifle pits, battlelines, CCC-era trail work, and other historic connections. Many provide site interpretation through signs, tablets, battery emplacements, and monuments. The hills, fields, outcroppings, ravines, and wood lines also convey historic meaning. They all provide an opportunity for 21st century travelers to experience the rich tapestry of stories and events interwoven on the landscape. Take part in one of the many interpretive programs for a more in-depth glimpse of these events in the places that they occurred or stop by a visitor center to ask for a trail map to discover these places on your own.

Cathleen Cook
Superintendent

Cherokees Cross Moccasin Bend on the Trail of Tears

The scene must have been tense at Ross's Landing on June 17, 1838. Boats bobbed in the Tennessee River, while horses and mules brayed as they wound their way to the ferry crossing on the river's bank.

For months, Cherokee families had waited as soldiers from the United States military kept watch from Fort Poinsett, near present-day Chattanooga. What was once an up-and-coming village, whose residents' livelihoods centered on river trade, was now transformed into a community of forced emigration.

On this hot, June day, around 1,076 people left their camps near Ross's Landing and headed toward the ferry boat on the water's edge. From there, the boat shuttled them across to the north side of the Tennessee River. Unlike several groups before them, steamboats were unavailable to take this particular group of Cherokees to Indian Territory. Instead, they were forced to walk overland to Waterloo, Alabama.

Captain G. S. Drane, a military officer overseeing this specific group's removal, led them west from the river's north shore.

As the party moved onto the peninsula of land referred to as Moccasin Bend, they passed through the gap in Stringer's Ridge and onto the land between the ridge and the Tennessee River. Their destination – Brown's Ferry.

All those traveling with Captain Drane stopped along the Tennessee River at the ferry crossing once owned and operated by John Brown, a Cherokee. As the group gazed across the river into the gap on the opposite bank, their thoughts must have been as turbulent as their journey thus far.

What happened to these Cherokees along the remainder of their arduous route on the Trail of Tears?

To find out, you are encouraged to walk a portion of that route 175 years later on June 17, 2013, as a park ranger leads you on a two-hour hike following the footsteps of these Cherokees. Please meet at the Friends of Moccasin Bend's office building, 175 Hamm Road, Chattanooga, TN 37405 at 6:30 p.m.



This photo, taken from Moccasin Bend, shows the western landing of Brown's Ferry.

Special Summer Programs on Moccasin Bend

Thursday, June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Moccasin Bend Bicycle Tour
(Meet at Outdoor Chattanooga)

Monday, June 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Captain Drane Crosses the Bend:
Cherokee Removal and Moccasin Bend
(Meet at Friends of Moccasin Bend Building)

For additional information concerning special programs at Moccasin Bend National Archeological District, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/chch or call 423-752-5213 ext. 117



Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Logo (Courtesy of NPS)

Summer Heat: Civil War and Now

Summer provides a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy the park. Yet the hot summer sun brings risks, from sunburns to sunstroke.

Just as today, Union and Confederate soldiers experienced those risks marching in the summer heat of 1863. Dust choked soldiers' throats as they marched, their canteens often dry. Day after day soldiers' diaries record the heat. "Came near roasting in the tent," recorded Lieutenant Chesley Mosman of the 59th Illinois volunteers on August 21, "hotter than I ever felt it before." Just three days before, Lieutenant Lucius Brown of the 18th U.S. Infantry recorded that after a march, 14 men of the 16th U.S. Infantry suffered sunstroke, some fatally.

Have you ever felt sick after being outside in the hot summer sun? Just as the sun killed soldiers 150 years ago, so it can be a killer today. According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), heat is the number one weather-related killer in the U.S., outnumbering floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined.

Are you prepared?



Now, 150 years since Lieutenants Mosman and Brown wrote about the heat, park staff encourages you to enjoy the park safely by drinking plenty of fluids and taking time to get out of the heat during your visit.

If you think you are getting overheated, here are some symptoms to look for:

Heat exhaustion:

- Cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin
- Heavy sweating
- Headache and dizziness
- Nausea
- Weakness or exhaustion

Heat stroke or sunstroke. Just as Lieutenant Brown recorded in 1863, this is a life-threatening condition. The Red Cross describes heat stroke as a loss in the body's ability to cool itself because the internal temperature control system fails.

Signs of heat stroke may include:

- Hot, red skin that is dry or moist
- Changes in consciousness
- Vomiting
- High body temperature

So what do you do?

1. Move the person out of the heat.
2. Call for medical help immediately! Don't be afraid to dial 9-1-1.
3. Remove any protective clothing and loosen restrictive clothing.
4. Cool the person down with cool, wet cloths or towels on the skin.
5. Slowly and carefully provide fluids, only if the person is conscious.

Hopefully you will never experience heat related illness. Be aware and if you feel it is too hot, stay inside. Lieutenant Mosman certainly had his own way to beat the heat. Nearly every day he recorded the heat in his journal. His solution? "Went swimming."



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In 1863, Union and Confederate forces fought for control of Chattanooga, known as the "Gateway to the Deep South." Confederates were victorious at nearby Chickamauga in September. However, renewed fighting in Chattanooga that November provided Union troops victory and control of the city.

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Featured Volunteer: Ken Davis

If you have visited the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at Point Park on a Tuesday or a Friday, chances are, you have been greeted by the smiling face of Ken Davis. A member of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP's Volunteers-in-Parks team since July 2010, Ken provides a rich experience for visitors.

A lifelong native of the Chattanooga area, Ken not only knows the Civil War history of the park, but has many stories for visitors from his own life. Of course, amongst the stories from Chattanooga's history, you're sure to hear a proud grandpa talk about his grandson.

In addition to volunteering in Chattanooga, several times a year he and his wife Donna hook up their RV and head south, volunteering at several Florida state parks and Fort Pulaski National Monument near Savannah, Georgia.

With over 500 volunteer hours just at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National

Military Park, Ken Davis is certainly a volunteer in the Master Ranger Corps!

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer please contact park volunteer coordinator Will Sunderland at:

423-752-5213 ext. 137

OR

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VIP Ken Davis (Courtesy of Ken Davis)



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Upcoming Spring Programs and Locations

Monday, June 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

National Park Night with the
Chattanooga Lookouts

Saturday, June 29*

Artillery Demonstrations
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Sunday, June 30 @ 2:00 p.m.

New Places, But Old Faces – Gettysburg
Veterans Meet in Lookout Valley
(Lookout Mountain – Point Park)

Thursday, July 4*

Artillery Demonstrations
(Lookout Mountain – Point Park)

Saturday, July 13 & Sunday, July 14*

Signal Corps Programs
(Lookout Mountain – Point Park)

Tuesday, July 16 – Thursday, July 18

@ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A Call to Arms: The Gateway City Falls –
Summer Day Camp: 4th – 6th graders
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Saturday, July 20*

Artillery Demonstrations
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Saturday, July 20 @ 9:30 a.m.

Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Tour
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

Tuesday, July 23- Thursday July 25

@ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A Call to Arms: The Gateway City Falls –
Summer Day Camp: 7th & 8th graders
(Chickamauga Battlefield)

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